

# **THIRD-PARTY PLUMBING INSPECTION PROGRAM**

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONA**

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## **FULL SCOPE OF PLUMBING INSPECTIONS**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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## 1. INSPECTION AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS

Before an Inspection Agency is allowed to perform inspection duties under this Procedure, it shall provide the Administrator with documented evidence that it complies with the minimum requirements set forth hereafter. The Inspection Agency shall have a qualified Professional-in-charge and sufficient qualified inspectors in the inspection discipline, as established in the subsequent sections.

## 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE.

Minimum qualifications for the engineer(s) or architect(s) serving as Professional-in-charge of the certification of any part of the Project, under this Program, shall be as specified in the subsection that follows.

### 2.1. PLUMBING PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE

The Registered Professional-in-Charge of the Project employed by the Inspection Agency, responsible for overseeing the performance of plumbing inspection duties under this Procedure and certifying the inspection, shall demonstrate possession of any of the three (3) combinations of knowledge, certification and experience listed in the following table:

<b>PLUMBING PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA</b>	<b>COMBINATION 1</b>	<b>COMBINATION 2</b>	<b>COMBINATION 3</b>
<b>Demonstrated knowledge of the sections of the D.C. Construction Codes pertinent to plumbing systems, including its administrative provisions and the Plumbing Code</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Current registration in the District of Columbia as a Professional Engineer</b>	✓		
<b>Current registration in the District of Columbia as an Architect</b>		✓	
<b>Documented minimum experience of three (3) years in the field of mechanical and/or plumbing engineering, in a position of responsible charge</b>	✓	✓	
<b>Current master's license in the District of Columbia, as a Licensed Master Plumber</b>			✓

<b>PLUMBING PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA</b>	<b>COMBINATION 1</b>	<b>COMBINATION 2</b>	<b>COMBINATION 3</b>
<b>Documented minimum experience of ten (10) years in the field of plumbing installations, in a position of responsible charge at least equivalent to that of a D.C. licensed master plumber</b>			✓

### 3. INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications for inspectors engaged under this Program shall be as specified in the subsection that follows. Inspectors performing duties under this Procedure, whether employees or subcontractors of the Inspection Agency, shall perform the inspections under the direct supervision of the registered Professional-in-charge.

#### 3.1. PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Any employee or subcontractor of the Inspection Agency performing plumbing inspection duties under this Procedure shall demonstrate possession of any of the six (6) combinations of knowledge, certification and experience listed in the following table:

<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR QUALIFICATION CRITERIA</b>	<b>COMBINATION 1</b>	<b>COMBINATION 2</b>	<b>COMBINATION 3</b>	<b>COMBINATION 4</b>	<b>COMBINATION 5</b>	<b>COMBINATION 6</b>
<b>Demonstrated knowledge of the D.C. Plumbing Code and other sections of the D.C. Construction Codes pertinent to the systems and fixtures under inspection, including its administrative provisions</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Master plumber licensed in the District of Columbia</b>	✓					
<b>Journeyman Plumber licensed in the District of Columbia</b>		✓				

<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR QUALIFICATION CRITERIA</b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 1</i></b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 2</i></b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 3</i></b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 4</i></b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 5</i></b>	<b><i>COMBINATION 6</i></b>
Minimum of (5) years of documented experience in installation of plumbing systems under the direction of a licensed master plumber		✓				
Certified NCPCCI Plumbing Inspector			✓			
Minimum of (2) years of documented experience in code compliance inspection of plumbing systems in a jurisdiction using any of the national model codes			✓			
Minimum of four (4) years of documented experience in code compliance inspection of plumbing systems in a jurisdiction using any of the national model codes				✓		
Minimum of three (3) years of documented experience in design of plumbing systems under the direction of a registered professional engineer					✓	
Minimum of two (2) years of documented experience in design of plumbing systems at the level of engineer-in-training (EIT) or higher						✓